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McManus Seeks Constituent Input on State Budget

Senator Participates in State of the State Address

(LANSING) – Due to the critical budget shortfall the state is facing, state Senator Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, announced today she is seeking constituent input on how state government can cut costs.

"I am seeking cost-savings solutions from Michigan residents that I will compile and present to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema," McManus said. "Since these cuts will affect each Michigan resident, I believe that each person should have their say on where the state can save money."

Constituents may send up to three ideas to Senator McManus using any of the following methods:

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Also today, Senator McManus will escort Governor Jennifer Granholm to the House Chambers of the State Capitol prior to the annual State of the State Address. It is the governor's first address to the state, where she is expected to focus on the state's budget problems.

"It is an honor to be invited to escort the governor to the State of the State address," McManus said. "I am eager to hear her speech and what her plans are to help Michigan out of the current budget crisis."

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Editor's Note: Comments from Senator McManus on the governor's state of the state speech will be available after 10 p.m. on the Senate Majority Hotline at (517) 373-4000. The comments will also be available on the Senate Majority Audiowire at: http://www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/audiowire/index.htm